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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The applicant in the above-referenced matter wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the cited references listed on the enclosed Form PT0/SB/08a and b. A copy of each cited reference is included.

The Statement of Relevance for the foreign language documents follows, with reference to the Non-Patent Literature Cite No. assigned.

A1-This document allegedly describes details of a computer system operating under the name PostNet, owned by the Swedish Post Office, the system known also as EDI. This document describes that the system translates different computer languages and can be adapted to all types of computer systems, and can translate in both directions. The EDI system allegedly acts as a switchboard where buyer and seller exchange commercial information.

A2-This is an extract from a brochure which shows and describes a computer connected to different buyers and sellers as well as a computer for sorting and storing documents. The system allegedly allows users of the system to batchwise send documents to different receivers and to receive documents from a number of issuers. Documents to be processed include orders, order confirmations, product information and invoices.

A3-This is an article which allegedly describes the development of the PostNet system leading to the EDI system and describes how the EDI system allows communications between

different computer systems for transfer orders, order confirmations and invoices to be exchanged between parties.

A5-This is a technical manual that allegedly was available from a bank or could be downloaded from a bank web site which describes on page 29 a web hotel for storing electronic invoices.

A7-This is a manual for the EDI system which discloses an "EDIchange translator", (Page 5) and a general EDI-server which transmits and receives EDI-messages. The system has a file based interface to applications that lie outside EDI*LINK. Transfer of files between EDI*LINK and the internal applications allegedly may be made in the following ways: a) File sharing on a common file server (handled by file sharing process) b) Transfer of files using a file transfer protocol (handled by e.g. FTP) c) Transfer of files by way of X.400-messages (through MTA) EDI*LINK uses the general EDIFACT translator EDIchange for converting between internal data formats (used by the internal applications) and standardised EDIFACT format. EDI*LINK may, therefore, be used as a general EDI-gateway for sending and receiving EDIFACT messages for all applications in an organization. In addition, EDI*LINK may be used as a general communicator of EDI messages independently of format and may be integrated with other converting tools for converting other message types than EDIFACT.

A27- This is a manual related to the EDI system, pages 16-17 being part of a chapter describing an EDI clearing house service provided by WM-data in 1996, called "Tradanet" - i.e. allegedly an intermediary for passing data between a source and a destination. The section "7.4 TTP" describes the "Trusted Third Party" functionality of the service. This functionality includes time-stamping ("Tidsstampling" in Swedish).

A33-This is a user manual which describes a system known as PayNet which connects a biller with his bill recipients and facilitates the electronic processing of invoices. Data may be added by the PayNet system when processing an invoice received from a biller (Zahlungsempfänger, ZE), before forwarding the invoice to a customer (Zahlungspflichtiger,

ZP). The diagram on page 45 depicts a series of steps performed in individual invoicing and payment.

A36- A recommended invoicing procedure which allegedly shows that a coded form of a party ID could be specified, see page 23, upper left corner: "Kundenummer", "Lieferanten-Nummer").

No representation is made as to the materiality of this information by this submission. Since submission of this document is after the first office action, the fee of \$180 is being submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.: 04-0838.

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